GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4266
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RICE FOR WELFARE PROGRAMMES IN A.P.
GADDE RAMAMOHAN

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh regarding supply of rice at PDS rates for various welfare programmes in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) Yes , Sir.

(b) &(c) The Andhra Pradesh Government has requested for monthly allocation of rice at PDS rates for Welfare Schemes as follows:-

(In Tonnes)

1. Under PDS, based on 2000 population at BPL rate		85,000
-at APL rate of Rs. 950 per qtl.	1,15,000	
2. Welfare Hostels etc.	15,000	
3. Annapurna Scheme (free of cost)	932	
4. Employment Generation Scheme		20,000
Total	2,35,932	

The allocation of rice at BPL rate under PDS for BPL families has been doubled from 10 kg. to 20 kg. per family per month from 1.4.2000. The BPL allocation has now been based on projection of population by Registrar General as on 1.3.2000 instead of earlier base of 1995. The revised allocation of rice for Andhra Pradesh is 81,256 tonnes from December, 2000 as against 37,780 tonnes in March, 2000. The monthly APL allocation of rice to Andhra Pradesh is 1,53,920 tonnes.

In addition to above, FCI has been authorized to issue one and two years old rice to Andhra Pradesh @ Rs. 950/-per quintal in convenient instalments out of the authorisation for open sale. FCI has also been authorized to release stocks of rice other than one and two years old rice available in Andhra Pradesh to the State Government @ Rs. 950/- per quintal, if one year old and above stocks are not available at the points where rice is issued for normal PDS in that State.

Allotment under welfare schemes as demanded has not been made so far.